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FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The number of farms in South Dakota in 2005 is estimated at 31,400, down 200 farms from 2004. This is down 5 percent from 33,000 farms ten years ago and down 14 percent from 36,500 farms twenty years ago. Total land in farms in 2005, at 43.7 million acres, is down 100,000 acres from one year ago. The 2005 average farm size of 1,392 acres is up 6 acres from a year ago. By sales class there were 8,300 farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 size group, down 300 from 2004; 12,500 farms in the \$10,000-\$99,999 size group, down 100 from one year earlier; 6,200 farms in the \$100,000-\$249,999 size group, unchanged from one year earlier; 2,800 farms in the \$250,000 - \$499,999 size

group up 100 from one year earlier; and 1,600 farms in the \$500,000 plus size group, up 100 from one year earlier.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in the United States in 2005 is estimated at 2.1 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2004. Total land in farms, at 933.4 million acres, decreased 2.9 million acres, or 0.3 percent, from 2004. The average farm size was 444 acres during 2005, an increase of one acre from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and diversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, 2003 - 2005 1/

Year	Farms	Land in Farms	Farms by Sales Class		
			\$1,000-9,999	\$10,000-99,999	\$100,000+
	-Number-	-1,000 Acres-	----- Number -----		
SOUTH DAKOTA					
2003	31,600	43,800	8,800	12,700	10,100
2004	31,600	43,800	8,600	12,600	10,400
2005	31,400	43,700	8,300	12,500	10,600
UNITED STATES					
2003	2,126,860	938,650	1,199,270	600,540	327,050
2004	2,112,970	936,295	1,181,190	599,280	332,500
2005	2,100,990	933,400	1,168,220	596,440	336,330

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK FARMS IN SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, 2003 - 2005

Item	All Cattle	Beef Cows	Milk Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
	----- Number -----		----- Number -----		
SOUTH DAKOTA					
2003	18,000	15,500	1,100	1,500	2,100
2004	17,500	15,500	1,000	1,400	2,100
2005	17,000	15,000	800	1,200	2,100
UNITED STATES					
2003	1,013,570	792,050	86,360	73,720	67,720
2004	989,460	774,930	81,520	69,500	67,580
2005	982,510	770,170	78,295	67,330	68,280



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ANNUAL CHICKEN AND EGG REPORT

SOUTH DAKOTA: Inventory of all chickens in South Dakota's laying flock on December 1, 2005, numbered 3,714,000, virtually unchanged from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2005 (excluding commercial broilers) was 453 million birds, down slightly from last year.

The 2005 egg production, at 816 million eggs, was down 13 percent from last year.

The 2005 United States egg production totaled a record high 90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2004.

CHICKEN INVENTORY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 2004 & 2005 1/

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % Off 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % Off 2004
	- 1,000 Head -		Percent	- 1,000 Head -		Percent
Total Layers	3,181	3,301	104	343,922	347,917	101
Total Pullets	542	413	76	101,429	96,610	95
Other Chickens	0	0	--	8,248	8,289	100
All Chickens	3,723	3,714	100	453,599	452,816	100

1/ Excludes commercial broilers.

LAYERS, EGGS PER LAYER, AND TOTAL EGG PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, DECEMBER 1, 2001-2005 1/

Year 1/	Annual Average Layers		Average Eggs per Layer 2/		Total Egg Production	
	South Dakota	United States	South Dakota	United States	South Dakota	United States
	- - 1,000 Head - -		- - Number - -		- - Million Eggs - -	
2001	2,300	336,330	250	256	575	86,093
2002	2,335	339,293	243	257	568	87,252
2003	2,893	338,393	263	259	761	87,473
2004	3,442	341,956	271	261	933	89,091
2005	3,092	343,501	264	262	816	89,960

1/ December 1, previous year, through November 30, current year. 2/ Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand.

CHICKEN & EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The average number of layers on hand during January 2006 was 3,295,000, down 5,000 from December and down 14,000 from November. The number of eggs produced during the month totaled 76 million, down 1 million from December but up 3 million (4 percent) from November.

UNITED STATES: Egg production totaled 7.72 billion

during January 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.62 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The number of layers during January 2006 averaged 349 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,211 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2005.

MONTHLY LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand			Eggs per 100 Layers			Total Eggs Produced		
	November 2005	December 2005	January 2006	November 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Nov 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006
	- - - - Thousands - - - -			- - - - Number - - - -			- - - - Millions - - - -		
Iowa	49,501	50,350	51,125	2,204	2,230	2,249	1,091	1,123	1,150
Minnesota	11,215	11,090	11,199	2,256	2,317	2,250	253	257	252
Nebraska	11,931	11,928	11,909	2,146	2,222	2,225	256	265	265
South Dakota	3,309	3,300	3,295	2,206	2,333	2,307	73	77	76
United States	346,145	348,545	349,253	2,176	2,235	2,211	7,533	7,791	7,721

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, is unchanged from January. The Crop Index is up 5 points (4.6 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for oranges, wheat, hay, and hogs. Lower prices were received for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased average marketings of cattle, milk, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 1 point (0.9 percent) from February 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 116, decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month and decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from February 2005.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index (1990-92=100%)	United States		
	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006
Prices Received Indexes	--- Percent ---		
All Farm Products	114	*113	113
All Crops	107	*108	113
Food Grains	109	*117	120
Feed Grains & Hay	91	*92	95
Oil-Bearing Crops	99	*105	102
Livestock & Products	119	*118	114
Meat Animals	119	*122	120
Dairy Products	119	111	106
Poultry & Eggs	120	113	108
Prices Paid Index	137	*146	146
Ratio 1/	83	77	77
Crop Sector	141	*150	150
Livestock Sector	133	*142	142

* Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index).

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity And Unit		South Dakota			United States			
		Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Feb 2005	Jan 2006	Feb 2006	Parity Price Feb 2006
		1/ 1/	1/ 1/	2/ 2/	1/ 1/	1/ 1/	2/ 2/	
Dollars								
All Wheat	Bu	3.47	3.72	3.69	3.36	3.52	3.66	10.40
Winter	Bu	3.19	3.56	3.58	3.27	3.45	3.67	--
Durum	Bu	5/	5/	5/	3.72	3.29	3.33	--
Other Spring	Bu	3.67	3.85	3.81	3.49	3.69	3.70	--
Corn	Bu	1.76	1.76	1.80	1.95	2.00	2.01	7.72
Oats	Bu	1.69	1.64	1.80	1.67	1.73	1.78	4.29
Soybeans	Bu	5.44	5.50	5.28	5.42	5.88	5.68	17.10
All Barley	Bu	1.96	5/	5/	2.31	2.47	2.55	7.22
Feed	Bu	1.70	5/	5/	1.60	1.93	1.90	--
Malt	Bu	1.97	5/	5/	2.58	2.63	2.81	--
Sunflower	Cwt	14.50	11.50	10.90	15.00	11.20	11.10	32.50
Flaxseed	Bu	5/	5/	5/	10.90	5.64	5.10	15.40
Sorghum	Cwt	3/	3/	3/	2.96	3.15	3.27	12.00
All Hay	Ton	60.00	63.00	65.00	88.20	91.20	95.00	--
Alfalfa	Ton	62.00	65.00	68.00	94.00	95.60	99.20	--
Other	Ton	48.00	51.00	55.00	74.20	79.30	83.20	--
Milk, Wholesale	Cwt	3/	3/	3/	15.50	14.50	13.80	38.20
Eggs, Market	Doz	3/	3/	3/	0.358	0.438	0.301	1.77
Cattle 4/	Cwt	95.60	103.00	99.90	88.80	95.10	92.60	191.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	101.00	114.00	106.00	93.10	102.00	98.10	--
Cows	Cwt	52.30	48.60	50.90	52.50	47.30	48.50	--
Calves	Cwt	132.00	146.00	142.00	129.00	141.00	142.00	266.00
All Hogs	Cwt	51.70	40.80	41.90	50.70	40.70	41.20	116.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt	52.50	42.20	43.20	51.00	41.10	41.70	--
Sows	Cwt	44.30	31.30	30.10	45.10	33.20	31.20	--
Sheep	Cwt	53.90	48.40	5/	52.40	47.70	5/	94.90
Lambs	Cwt	131.00	103.00	5/	114.00	96.10	5/	231.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined.
5/ No price available.

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	January 31, 2005	December 31, 2005	January 31, 2006	January 2006 as % of	
				January 2005	December 2005
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			---- Percent ----	
Butter	77,219	58,649	114,597	148	195
Cheese, Total Natural	713,799	758,160	743,737	104	98
Eggs, Frozen	18,577	21,018	22,751	122	108
Fruits, Frozen	984,882	1,067,127	973,559	99	91
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,830,273	1,358,656	1,360,549	74	100
Meat, Total Red	966,846	884,373	1,005,542	104	114
Beef, Total Frozen	453,261	434,442	456,366	101	105
Pork, Total Frozen	498,681	428,529	528,464	106	123
Poultry, Frozen	980,549	1,134,544	1,213,883	124	107
Chicken	647,254	925,763	946,536	146	102
Turkey	332,894	206,166	264,047	79	128
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,101,612	2,250,852	2,084,279	99	93
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,168,802	1,051,099	1,078,790	92	103

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			Jan 2006 as % of		January 2/		
		Jan 2005	Dec 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Dec 2005	2005	2006	2006 as % of 2005
- -Percent - - - Million Pounds Liveweight - - Percent									
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	360.8	457.1	420.7	117	92	94.3	112.8	120
Sheep	1,000 Head	0.6	1.0	0.9	150	90	0.079	0.118	149
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	77.8	97.0	91.1	117	94	77.8	91.1	117
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,527.8	2,665.9	2,641.7	105	99	3,189.7	3,385.3	106
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,480.0	9,233.3	8,915.7	105	97	2,288.9	2,435.9	106
Sheep	1,000 Head	208.5	231.0	223.7	107	97	28.8	32.2	112
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,648.0	3,952.7	3,890.4	107	98	3,648.0	3,890.4	107

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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